Inclusion of Medical Practitioners under Consumer Protection Act

1751. SHRI INDER KUMAR GUJRAL:
SHRI ASHOK MITRA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have studied in depth the implications of the recent Supreme Court judgement bringing medical practitioners under the purview of the Consumer Protection Act;

(b) whether the matter has been further discussed with the Medical Council of India; and

(c) the measures proposed to be undertaken to ensure compliance with the Supreme Court Judgement?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. R. ANTULAY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) The order is binding on doctors hospitals rendering services for consideration.

The implication of this order on Government hospitals charging fully or partially is being examine.

Violation of MRTP Act by Companies

1752. SHRI SHIV CHARAN SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number and names of companies which have been booked for violation of MRTP Act. 1969 during the last two years;

(b) the details of their violations yearwise; and

(c) the action taken/proposed to be taken against these companies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE & COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a) and (b) The number of enquiries instituted by the MRTP Commission for alleged violation of MRTP Act, 1969 against companies during the last two years is given below:

Year	Category of Enquiry			Compensation applications
	Restrictive Trade Practices Enquiries	Unfair Trade Practices Enquiries	Monopolistic Trade Practices Enquiries	
1993	58	34	5	359
1994	138	146	1	321

The names of the companies against whom the enquiries were instituted for indulging in Restrictive, Unfair and Monopolistic Trade Practices are given in the enclosed Statement. [*See* Appendix 175, Annexure No. 45]

(c) The MRTP Commission being a quasi-judicial body, the matters are subjudice before the Commission and they are empowered to take further necessary action under the provisions of the MRTP Act, 1969.

टेलीफोन पर हिंदी भाषा में पूछताछ सेवा का अभाव

1753. **चौधरी हरमोहन सिंह:** क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या नई दिल्ली रेलवे स्टेशन पर टेलीफोन नंबर 3717171/3346661 पर पूछताछ सेवा की नवीनतम सुविधा हिंदी भाषा में उपलब्ध नहीं है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं; और

(ग) हिंदी भाषा में यह नई सुविधा कब से उपलब्ध कराई जाएगी?